

REMARKS

Claims 9-11, 14-18, 20 and 22-31 are in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Independent claims 9, 16, and 26 have been amended to describe an array of nozzles arranged to spray "gas or de-ionized water" and the water inlet line has been changed to a "de-ionized water inlet line." These claims also have been amended to describe a wafer box or carrier in a compartment or space on or in the rotor.

Claim 25 has been amended back to its form wherein it was indicated to be allowable in the 6/30/2004 office action, and amended to provide antecedent basis, responsive to paragraph 1 of that office action.

Claims 24 and 27-29 are allowed.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested.

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